

House Study Bill 651

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TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the maximum gross weight limit for vehicles
2 hauling crops during the annual period of harvest.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5961HC 80
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.463, Code 2003, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Notwithstanding subsection 5,
1 4 paragraph "b", during the period beginning September 1 and
1 5 ending November 14, the maximum gross weight allowed to be
1 6 carried on a vehicle hauling crops, including but not limited
1 7 to corn, soybeans, hay, straw, and stover, on noninterstate
1 8 highways from the point of harvest to a storage or
1 9 distribution point is ninety thousand pounds. However, weight
1 10 embargoes on bridges shall continue to apply.

1 11 EXPLANATION

1 12 This bill creates an exception to maximum gross weight
1 13 limits for vehicles hauling crops on noninterstate highways
1 14 from the point of harvest to a distribution or storage point
1 15 during the period of harvest from September 1 through November
1 16 14 annually. Current law establishes graduated weight limits
1 17 for motor vehicles based on the number of axles on a vehicle,
1 18 with a maximum allowable weight of 80,000 pounds for the
1 19 largest vehicles. The bill allows a maximum vehicle weight of
1 20 90,000 pounds during the harvest period.

1 21 Weight limitations on bridges are not affected by the bill.

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